



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

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APPLICATION NO. 10/651,117

TITLE (NEW) Projectile Blood Collection Device

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated 04/17/2006 in the above case from the Legal Instruments Examiner.

Please find enclosed a complete listing of all the claims in the case, compiled in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 to meet the requirements of the Notice paragraph 4 sections A, B, C, and D.

In addition, the Legal Instruments Examiner is requested to pass along this letter to the Examiner for the Examiner's possible use in examining the amended claims, of the following exact text of claim 1 (currently amended) but with the addition of numerical callouts found in the figures:

Claim 1 (currently amended). Apparatus for obtrusively obtaining a blood sample from an intruder at a crime scene to be later analyzed for DNA, said apparatus comprising:

a blood-extracting needle 15 for penetrating the skin of said intruder;

a blood-collecting reservoir 27 connected to said needle 15;

a first chamber 29:

means for mounting said needle 15 on said first chamber 29:

means for mounting said reservoir 27 in said first chamber 29:

means for holding an initial vacuum in said first chamber 29.

a cylindrical casing 30 having a cylindrical interior 7;

said first chamber 29 being slidably mounted in said cylindrical interior 7;

a facing 17 at a first end of said casing 30 and having a center hole 31 for receiving said needle;

a coil spring 34 positioned adjacent to the interior side of said facing; (and)

retaining means 35 for securing said coil spring 34 in a normally loaded mode.

means 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 for propelling said needle 15 and the connected said

reservoir 27 into contact with an intruder;

means 29, 27, 7 responsive to said contact for inserting said needle 15 into said

intruder; and

means 41, 35, 34 including said coil spring responsive to a maximum penetration

of said needle 15 into said intruder for extracting said needle 15 and for ejecting

said needle 15 and associated reservoir 27 a substantial distance from said intruder.

With the submission of the required listing, Applicant respectfully requests timely action on the merits of claims 1, 4, 5 and 6. If any further informalities or questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the below number.

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Att. as above